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TWO CHARGED WITH HEROINE TRAFFICKING

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that FELIPE R. MACIAS, 24, and CARLOS OTERO, 23, both of Indianapolis, Indiana, were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis today for possession with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, attempting to possess with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin, following an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

MACIAS and OTERO were arrested on January 25, 2005, by law enforcement officers after accepting delivery of a parcel containing heroin.

case for the government, MACIAS and OTERO face a maximum possible prison sentence of 40 years and a maximum possible fine of \$2,000,000 for possession with intent to distribute heroin. MACIAS and OTERO also face a maximum of life imprisonment and possible fine of \$4,000,000 on each charge of attempting to possess with intent to distribute heroin and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute heroin. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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